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A CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF THE
PENN FAMILY, OF VIRGINIA.

1621—Christian Penn, from James City to Plymouth, Mass.

1621—Robt. Penn (aged 22), passenger on "Abigail" to Capt. Matthew's Plantation, James City.

1635—Wm. Penn (aged 26), passenger on "Merchants Hope" to Virginia.

1635—Francis Penn (aged 22), passenger on "Matthew" to St. Christopher.

1676—John Penn, of (Old) Rappahannock county. Will proved Jan. 13, 1676-May 3, 1677. No children mentioned.

1685—Geo. Penn transported to Barbadoes—Monmouth's Rebellion.

1685—John Penn transported to Barbadoes—Monmouth's Rebellion.

1730—Geo. Penn, of Caroline county. Drysdale Parish.

1739—Deed to Joseph Penn, of Drysdale Parish, Caroline county.

1746—Deed to John Penn, of Drysdale Parish. Witness, Moses Penn.

1746—Deed to Geo. Penn, of Drysdale Parish. Witness, Moses Penn.

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1761—Deed of Joseph (x) Penn, of Spottsylvania county, and Elizabeth, his wife, to John Penn.

1763—Deed, Sept. 3, Joseph Penn, of Spottsylvania county, to John Taylor, of Caroline county, in trust for the purposes hereinafter named. Slaves, lands, stocks, etc. For the said Joseph Penn during his natural life, then to his son, Philip Penn, son Moses Penn, son Thos. Penn; dau. Catharine, wife of Larkin Gatewood; dau. Mary, dau. Frances, wife Elizabeth Penn. "John, Philip, Moses, Thos., Catharine, Mary and Frances, children of said Joseph."

1764—Deed, Apr. 20, Gabriel Penn, of Amherst county, and Sarah, his wife, to John Penn, of Spottsylvania county. Witness, John Penn, Jr., Thos. Penn.

1771—May 13, will of John Penn, Spottsylvania county; wife, Mary; children, John, Thomas, George, William, Mildred, Sally and Frances.

1773—Jan. 21, Philip Penn, of Spottsylvania county, to ———, Merchants of Glasgow. Mortgage left the said Philip Penn by his father, Joseph Penn, dec'd, etc.

According to Mr. Joseph Penn (dec'd 1906-14) Moses Penn m. Katherine Taylor, of Caroline county. In his and his son's possessions (Mr. John Penn, of Martinsville, Va.) are the

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to New Orleans, from which district his eldest son went to Congress. Several children.

2. Lucinda Penn, b. Sept. 3, 1771; m. Samuel Staples, Clerk of Patrick county for many years.

3. Gabriel Penn, b. Nov. 14, 1773; m. Miss Jinsy Clark, of Patrick county, where he lived and died.

4. Horatio Penn, b. Nov. 14, 1775; m. Nancy Parr; had several children, and moved to Missouri.

5. Polly Penn, b. July 1, 1777; m. Charles Foster, of Patrick county. Several children, and died in Patrick county.

6. Greenesville Penn, b. May 16, 1779; m. a Miss Leath, of Manchester, Va.; 2, Miss Martha Reed, of Bedford county, Va. Two sons went to Edgefield, Va.

7. Thomas Penn, b. June 15, 1781; m. 1st Miss Frances Leath, of Manchester, Va.; 2d, Miss Mary Christian Kennerly, of Amherst county, Va.

8. Abram Penn, b. March 14, 1783; m. Miss Sally Kreitz (or Critz), and had several children; moved to Tennessee, and died.

9. James Penn, b. Jan. 31, 1785; m. 1st, Miss Leath, of Manchester, Va.; 2d, Miss Mary Shelton, dau. of William and Pattie (Dillard) Shelton. Had several children, and died in Patrick county. Note.—Pattie Dillard, dau. of Col. John Dillard (d. 1822) and his

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wife, Sarah Dillard. Sarah (Stovall) Dillard was sister of Col. Abraham Penn's wife.

10. Luvenia Penn, b. Jan. 8, 1787; died young.

11. Edmund Penn, b. Jan. 9, 1789; m. Miss Pollie Ferris, of Patrick county. Moved to Kentucky and died there, leaving a family.

12. Philip Penn, b. Mar. 5, 1792; m. Miss Louise Briscoe, of Bedford county.

COL. ABRAHAM PENN, B. 1743; D. 1801; M. 1768

April, 1778—The first court held for Henry county was Apr. 20, 1778, and was composed of Edmund Lyne, Abraham Penn, Peter Saunder and George Waller, Justices.

Oct., 1778—Abraham Penn is appointed Lieut. Col. in the room of Ed Lyne, resigned.

Mar., 1779—Abraham Penn is appointed Escheator for Henry county.

Aug., 1779—Patrick Henry, Abraham Penn, John Dillard, etc., are recommended to his excellency, the Governor, as proper persons to serve on the Commission of the Peace of this County.

Aug., 1779—Abraham Penn is appointed Burser to receive fines.

Mar., 1780—Abraham Penn, Esq., Lieut. Col., advanced to the office of Colonel, Henry county Militia.

July, 1780—Col. Abraham Penn recommended as county lieut.

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June, 1781—Abraham Penn produced a commission as Coroner of County.

Dec., 1781—Archalaus Hughes and Abraham Penn, Esqs., are appointed to "settle the depreciation of what money run at after June, 1781, and make report."

Henry County Records.

1799—Patrick county, 3156 acres granted to Geo. Penn; 270 acres granted to Abram Penn.

(Wm. and Mary Quarterly, v. 12, p. 129.)

Data, alleged, taken from Family Bible of John Taylor, Sr.:

John Taylor (b. Nov. 18, 1696; d. Mar. 22, 1780), son of James and Mary Taylor. Married Feb. 14, 1716, to

Catharine Pendleton (b. Dec. 8, 1699; d. July 26, 1774), dau. Philip and Isabella Pendleton.

Among Children.

Mary Taylor (b. May 30, 1718; d. Sept. 13, 1757), m. (Feb. 3, 1735) to Joseph Penn.

Catharine Taylor (b. Dec. 30, 1719; d. Nov. 4, 1774), m. (July 4, 1739) to Moses Penn (d. Nov. 4, 1759).

Isabella Taylor (b. June 26, 1725).

Elizabeth Taylor (b. July 9, 1735).

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CHILDREN OF JOSEPH PENN AND MARY TAYLOR.

———, b. Dec. 13, 1736.
Joseph, b. Sept. 27, 1738.
Catharine, b. Mar. 11, 1741.
Philip, b. Feb. 6, 1742-3.
Moses, b. Dec. 3, 1744.
Elizabeth, b. ———, 174—.
James, b. Aug. 12, 174—.
Thomas, b. Apr. 25, 174—.

CHILD OF MOSES PENN AND CATHARINE TAYLOR

John Penn, b. May 6, 1740; d. Sept. 14, 1788. (The Signer.)

Law Suit, 1812—Coleman Heirs vs. Penn Heirs.

Gabriel Penn (d. 1798), of Amherst; wife, Sarah (living), bro. George. Will in Amherst county.

CHILDREN OF GABRIEL AND SARAH PENN

James Penn.

Edmund Penn.

Elizabeth Penn, wife of 2d husband, Wm. Long (1st hus., Jas. Calloway).

Sophia Penn, wife of Wm. S. Crawford.

Pamelia Penn, wife of Thos. Haskins.

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Matilda Penn, wife of Abner Nash (m. 1792).

Fannie Penn, wife of Wm. White.

Nancy Penn, wife of John McCredie (1st hus., Alex. Brydie).

Sarah Penn, wife of Thos. Crowe.

Catharine Penn, wife of — Holder.

Referred to in same suit:

John Penn, Sarah, widow of Gabriel; Francis Lee and children, Sophia and Wm. Lee; George Penn and children, Wm. and Geo., Jr.; Joseph Penn, dec'd, and children, Seaton M. Penn, Chas. B. Penn, Elizabeth, Polly and Joseph Penn.

1809—Deed, Edmund Penn, of Amherst county.

1809—Deed, Edmund Penn, of Spotts. and Amherst counties, and Jane, his wife.

1809—Deed, Edmund Penn, of Spotts., of land in Amherst.

1791—Thos. Penn, of Amherst, (living).

Gabriel Penn, b. July 17, 1741. Serg. 1st Va. Reg. under Col. Wm. Byrd, in 1764; member Rev. Convention; d. 1798. Married Sept., 1761, Sarah, dau. of Col. Richard Calloway (b. 1719; d. Mar. 8, 1780), of Bedford county, Va.

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Moses Penn, Amherst county. Will filed Oct. 3, 1774. Bro. George, Philip, Wm., Gabriel; niece Pamela, dau. of Gabriel; neph. George Penn, son of George; neph. Frank Lee, neph. Richard Lee; niece Nancy Lee.

Wm. Penn, Amherst county. Will filed July 7, 1777. Bro. George, Philip, Gabriel and Abraham.

AMHERST COUNTY MARRIAGES.

1792—Matilda Penn and Abner Nash.

1792—Betsy Penn and George Lillard.

1796, Sept. 12—Wilson Penn and Frances Taliaferro.

1797—Thos. Penn and Beth. Stevens.

1797—Sarah Penn and Robt. Halloway.

1800, Nov.—Eady Penn and Wm. Beverley.

CAMPBELL COUNTY MARRIAGES.

1787, Dec. 25—Wm. Penn and Martha Stovall.

1821, Dec. 23—David Penn and Eliza E. H. Hutchinson.

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY MARRIAGES.

1799, Dec. 5—Martha Penn and John Jenkins.

1800, Jan. 21—John Penn and Magdalene Firestone.

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HENRY COUNTY MARRIAGES.

1784, July 26—Sarah Penn and John Morton.

1784, Dec. 6—George Penn and Patty Ferriss.

BEDFORD COUNTY MARRIAGES.

1846, May 12—Frances L. Penn and David Roder.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY MARRIAGES.

1818, March 11—Henry Penn and Eliza Johnson.

Col. John E. Penn (descended from Col. Abram Penn), b. 1839; d. 1895; married Alice Hoge, of Montgomery county.

Children (born in Patrick county):

1. G. H. Penn, living in Roanoke (b. 1871).

2. Anne Penn, m. E. G. Penn, of Martinsville, Va.

3. Lucy Penn, of Roanoke.

4. Susie Penn, m. C. R. Moir.

5. Huldah Penn, m. G. B. Junkin.

6. Ida Penn.

7. Edna Penn.

8. Willie Penn (dau.).

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